

REMARKS

Claims 11 - 21, 41 - 48, and 53 - 71 are pending. Claims 69 – 71 have been added.

In the December 16, 2005 Election / Restriction Requirement, the Examiner stated that the application included claims directed to 33 patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. The applicants do not agree with the Examiner's division of the application into species, however the applicants will elect, without traverse, one of 33 identified species.

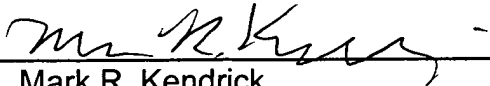
The applicants elect species I for continued prosecution. Species 1 is identified by the Examiner as "The echo canceller of Figure 1." Upon review of the application, the applicants believe that currently pending claims 11 – 15, 21, 53 – 60, and 63 - 66 are readable onto Figure 1 and thus species I. In addition, applicants have added claims 69 – 71. These claims are identical to previously pending claims 49 – 51. The applicants submit that claims 69 – 71 are also readable onto Figure 1. Accordingly, applicants elect for continued prosecution claims 11 – 15, 21, 53 – 60, 63 – 66, and 69 – 71, i.e., species I.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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